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The Centre Forward Question

By "PILGRIM"

Although the soccer season is fairly new, there will no doubt be a lot of talk (and trouble) ahead concerning the centre-forward position in some of our leading Clubs.

It is an old problem recurring, but with indications a very even competition, it may be discussed even more than previously.

Men of the calibre of Frank McIver, Forrest, and Johnston serve to emphasise the point.

How much would some clubs think they are worth? Of course, there is an opinion that McIver, a veteran is going back a bit, but last season's record makes that debatable.

The main difficulty of this centre-forward position is that there are always differing views about the sort of footballer most desirable for the position and sort of play expected from him. For instance, should the centre-forward be first and foremost a goal-getter, or should he be a schemer who holds the line together, as much a maker of openings for his colleagues as the snapper of chances made for him by those team mates?

Is the demand for a man who can brush the centre-half and everybody else out of his path, or with sufficient cunning to escape the attentions of the ever present centre-half?

How the various selectors answer these questions probably depends, in part anyway, on the sort of players who make up the rest of the attack.

Until we arrive at some sort of general conclusion regarding the sort of footballer who is required for the position, the problem of supplying those needs must remain. Until we have made up our minds as to what a centre-forward should be and what he is expected to do, those juniors who have ambitions to go to the top in that particular position, will remain in something of a confused state of mind. The evidence of confusion will no doubt pile up as the season goes on. Clubs will probably start a match with one player at centre-forward, and finish with another in that position.

It all emphasises something that has stood out previously. It is far easier to make a reputation as a centre-forward, certainly in the goal scoring line, than it is to maintain that reputation. A player, cannot be judged by goals alone.

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FROM A CORRESPONDENT AT
MORWELL

The Editor,—I have just read your article, "What Do You Think," in which I was greatly interested. I have just arrived home from the Moreland versus Yallourn match and desire to congratulate the Moreland Club on the way their team turned out, properly dressed and a fine set of chaps. As I come from Morewell, I was interested on how Yallourn

was moving, and we must take off our hats to a handful of men who have kept the flag flying over the last ten difficult years, and now in this vast centre of Yallourn, and the new town and open-cut in Morwell, this will become a great soccer centre. That old veteran, Frank McIver, has some young men around him and he is doing a grand job. Morwell are slowly building up a team of overseas men and young Aussies, and we are out to buy our own ground. So what do you think "Pilgrim?"

Can we not get better publicity in the Victorian Daily Press? Is it fair when men from Britain ask where is the soccer news on a Monday morning—not a line last Monday. What do you think "Pilgrim" of the King's Birthday Carnival in Sydney asking only four players from Victoria, four from South Australia, and four from West Australia? Why not a whole team from Victoria?

Why did the Australian Soccer Association drop its bundle when Dundee could not meet the heavy expenses for the proposed trip to Australia? I could name eight teams who would have come. Come on Australia, stand on your feet. America takes twelve first-class coaches to New York, Chicago, and Pittsburgh Leagues to coach Americans, thanks to a famous chewing gum. There is a country who would have been only too pleased to have made a visit to Australia.

It is common knowledge in the North of England that soccer has not a first-class ground of its own in Victoria, thus we are losing players to New South Wales.

In conclusion all Scotsmen will remember that famous centre-forward, Hughie Gallagher, well Hughie has four sons, and is a machinist in Gateshead Co., Durham. One writer from home writes to me and says, "what a coach going to waste."

Have we received that five-thousand pounds film yet, all made by soccer stars, and available for soccer teams in the British Empire?

Success to "Soccer News & Views," and to the greatest game in the world.—NORMAN MINOR.

Notation By The Editor:

Mr. Minor concluded his letter with a personal note to me, for which I am very grateful. Mr. Minor points out that for the past eight

years he has been forwarding articles on soccer in Victoria to the North of England, so let us hope that through Mr. Minor, our soccer paper has found its way over to the old country. He further points out that we here in Victoria are losing first-class junior players both to New South Wales and Queensland. Thousands of people who left here in the depression period did not help the game for Victoria when they got home. He adds that it was in his opinion a good move to let Yallourn into the First Division and it will do the game an immense amount of good. The soccer people in Morwell are alive and this town is to be a vast centre within the next few years, and the foundations for the game in Morwell is being quietly laid down. Mr. Minor suggests a Souvenir Paper for next season during the King's visit, and he is prepared to donate a pound towards it.

Thank you Mr. Minor for a very interesting letter, and I will pass your suggestion on to our Publicity Committee, also your very kind offer.



RESULTS AT A GLANCE

First Division

Brighton 6 (Barr 3, Nicholson 2, Marone 1) d. Yallourn 3.

Sunshine United 5 (Harraden 1, Campbell 2, Bradshaw 2) d. Prahran 1.

Moreland 2 (Kirby, Holmes) d. Park Rangers 0.

Box Hill 6 (D. Hutchinson 2, Gravell 2, Mountford, Bagley) d. Western Suburbs 0.

Second Division

South Melbourne United 5 (Jowsey 3, Cahill 2) d. Coburg 2 (J. Lyons, Gillis).

South Yarra 5 d. Ringwood 1.

Preston 5 d. Northcote 2.

Bradford 4 (Baxter 2, Killeen, Lawrie) d. Hakoah J.R.C. 0.

Third Division

Yarraville 2 d. Brighton 1.

Olympic 5 d. Heidelberg "B" 0.

Melbourne University 7 d. Macedonians 0.

George Cross 2 d. Woodlands 0.

Northern United 2 (Adams, Everall) d. Metters 1 (Purdon).

Heidelberg "A" 8 d. Williamstown 1.

First Division Reserves

Brighton 10 d. Yallourn 1.
Prahra 7 d. Sunshine United 1.
Park Rangers 5 d. Moreland 2.
Box Hill 7 d. West Suburbs 1.

Under 19 Division

Preston 2 d. Western Suburbs 1.
Brighton 2 d. Park Rangers 1.
Prahra 12 drew with Hakoah J.R.C. 2.
Yallourn 12 d. South Yarra 0.
Coburg 2 d. Box Hill 0.

Second Division Reserves

South Melbourne United 4 d. Coburg 2.
South Yarra 8 d. Ringwood 0.
Preston claims walk-over from Northcote.
Bradford 3 d. Hakoah J.R.C. 0.

Under 17 Division

Sunshine United 5 d. Coburg 0.
Brighton 3 d. Box Hill 2.
South Melbourne United 4 d. Preston 0.

Under 15 Division

South Melbourne United drew with Preston
one goal each.
Sunshine United 5 d. Ringwood 3.
Brighton 7 d. Northcote 0.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Sunshine United	4	4	0	0	22	5	8
Box Hill	4	2	1	1	11	5	5
Prahra	4	2	0	2	11	10	4
Brighton	4	1	2	1	10	10	4
Moreland	4	2	0	2	9	9	4
Park Rangers	4	1	2	1	6	7	4
Western Suburbs	4	0	2	2	4	21	2
Yallourn	4	0	1	3	11	17	1

Second Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Bradford	4	4	0	0	12	1	8
South Yarra	4	3	0	1	15	8	6
South Melb. United	4	2	1	1	15	8	5
Hakoah J.R.C.	4	2	1	1	10	10	5
Coburg	4	2	0	2	14	9	4
Preston	4	1	0	3	12	18	2
Ringwood	4	0	1	3	6	16	1
Northcote	4	0	1	3	4	18	1

Third Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Heidelberg "A"	2	2	0	0	18	1	4
Melbourne University	2	1	1	0	11	4	3
George Cross	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Olympic	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Brighton	2	1	0	1	6	3	2
Yarraville	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Northern United	2	1	0	1	2	11	2
Metters	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Woodlands	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Williamstown	2	0	1	1	4	11	1
Macedonians	2	0	1	1	2	9	1
Heidelberg "B"	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

First Division Reserves

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					F.	A.	Pt
Box Hill	4	3	1	0	20	4	7
Brighton	4	2	2	0	18	4	6
Park Rangers	4	2	2	0	18	6	6
Prahra	4	2	1	1	14	8	5
Western Suburbs	4	2	0	2	14	23	4
Moreland	4	1	0	3	9	18	2
Yallourn	4	1	0	3	10	21	2
Sunshine United	4	0	0	4	5	24	0

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Second Division Reserves

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pt
					F.	A.		
South Yarra	4	4	0	0	16	4	8	
South Melb. United . .	4	3	0	1	19	4	6	
Bradford	3	2	0	1	12	4	4	
Preston	3	1	1	1	7	4	3	
Hakoah J.R.C.	4	1	1	2	3	8	3	
Coburg	3	1	0	2	4	9	2	
Northcote	3	1	0	2	5	18	2	
Ringwood	4	0	0	4	1	16	0	

Note.—Preston claims points for match against Northcote which was to have been played last Saturday. Northcote failed to appear. This match not included in above ladder.

Under 19 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pt
					F.	A.		
Preston	4	4	0	0	20	4	8	
Yallourn	4	3	1	0	19	1	7	
Park Rangers	4	3	0	1	23	2	6	
Brighton	3	3	0	0	10	1	6	
Hakoah J.R.C.	3	1	1	1	10	7	3	
Coburg	4	1	1	2	8	10	3	
Box Hill	4	1	1	2	5	11	3	
Western Suburbs	4	0	1	3	6	16	1	
Prahran	4	0	1	3	4	17	1	
South Yarra	4	0	0	4	1	37	0	

Under 17 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pt
					F.	A.		
South Melb. United . .	4	4	0	0	20	2	8	
Brighton	4	3	0	1	19	4	6	
Preston	4	3	0	1	12	4	6	
Sunshine United	4	1	0	3	8	16	2	
Box Hill	4	1	0	3	8	18	2	
Coburg	4	0	0	4	0	23	0	

Under 15 Division

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pt
					F.	A.		
South Melb. United . .	4	3	1	0	26	2	7	
Preston	3	2	1	0	17	3	5	
Brighton	3	2	0	1	20	4	4	
Sunshine United	4	2	0	2	9	23	4	
Box Hill	3	1	0	2	3	11	2	
Ringwood	2	0	0	2	3	17	0	
Northcote	3	0	0	3	0	18	0	

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NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES

First Division

Brighton v. Western Suburbs
Sunshine United v. Box Hill
Moreland v. Prahran, at Olympic Park.
Park Rangers v. Yallourn

Second Division

Coburg v. Hakoah J.R.C.
Ringwood v. Bradford
Northcote v. South Yarra
Preston v. South Melbourne United

Third Division

Olympic v. Brighton
Heidelberg "B" v. George Cross
Metters v. Yarraville
Melbourne University v. Williamstown
Woodlands v. Heidelberg "A"
Northern United v. Macedonians

Reserve League

Same draw as for First and Second Division, but on reverse grounds.

Under 19 Division

Preston v. Yallourn
Box Hill v. South Yarra
Hakoah J.R.C. v. Park Rangers
Brighton v. Western Suburbs
Coburg v. Prahran

Under 17 Division

Coburg v. Box Hill
Sunshine United v. South Melbourne United
Preston v. Brighton

Under 15 Division

Preston v. Box Hill
Brighton v. Ringwood
Northcote v. South Melbourne United

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OVERSEAS NOTES

Drawn together in the last Qualifying Round of the F. A. Cup competition, Barrow and Gillingham met five times and played nearly ten hours before Barrow eventually won by 2 goals to 1, in 1924-25.

It is considered that probably 150,000 people saw the first F. A. Cup Final played at Wembley when Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham 2-0. Previous record attendance for the Final was the official return of 120,028 who saw Aston Villa beat Sunderland 1-0 at Crystal Palace in 1913.

The Anthony Eden of football, Mr. Stanley F. Rous, succeeded Sir Frederick Wall in 1934 as Secretary of the F. A. England.

CLUB JOTTINGS

Park Rangers Versus Moreland

The greater experience of the Moreland team was the deciding factor in this match. Many excellent scoring opportunities were wasted by the forwards on both sides through shocking markmanship. Wilson (P.R.) got the ball into the net during the first half but was penalised for handling. At half time there was no score.

In the second half, Moreland scored twice without reply from Rangers. The first was scored from the right touch line by Kirby, whose long dropping shot entered the far upper corner of the goal. Later, Lock, the Moreland R.H. centred and goalie Fraser misjudged the ball allowing Holmes to score.

Moreland were superior to Rangers in team work, and were worthy winners. The Rangers players were generally slower to the ball and when they did get possession, they delayed passing and shooting, which allowed the visitors to cover or intercept. The best for Rangers were Holder, Mackie, Fox and Wilson.

Brighton Club

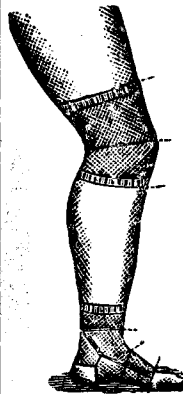
Taylor, formerly of Moreland, has signed on for Brighton and played his first match for his new club against Sunshine. Unfortunately he was injured rather badly in the first half and was practically a passenger thereafter. His form before his injury, however, showed that he would be a decided acquisition to the club.

Northern United Versus Metters

Northern United defeated Metters 2 goals to one. The game was quite even throughout and the teams were well matched. Metters kicked the first goal in the first half of the play and looked like winning from there. However early in the second half Adams from United headed a nice goal to even the score. Next score came from Evorall of United with a well placed kick. Northern United scored their first goal for the season. Although lacking in experience this team should improve a lot as the season goes on and with practice will develop team work which is so essential to win games.

In my opinion the two full backs played the best game for United.

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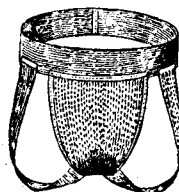


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Yarraville Versus Brighton

A very hard contest was played by Yarraville and Brighton at Footscray, on today's standard of play Brighton although beaten by the odd goal will be a thorn in the side of the best teams in the Third Division.

Yarraville kicking against the wind in the first half lead 2-0 at the interval, but Brighton resuming after the interval took the initiative and although scoring from a penalty converted by J. Spong of Brighton, were very unfortunate not to collect the points.

The game was very capably refereed and contributed to a sterling game under trying conditions.

Bradford Club

Broadford's reserve team—new to the competition this season is settling down well and rapidly becoming a formidable combination. Their win on Saturday over Hakoah Reserves is their second in the three games they have played and skipper Roy Bennett has every reason to feel proud of them.

The first team scored their fourth victory of the season on Saturday, the occasion being

marked by the first appearance in the forward line of Mickey Rooney (no relation) who did a fine job at inside right. Prominent also were Jock Baxter (2 goals), Johnny Killeen and Bill Lawrie (one each).

Box Hill Versus Western Suburbs

Western Suburbs were not equal to handling the slippery conditions against Box Hill at Surrey Park, and too frequently were caught flat footed when opportunity to break away presented itself.

Box Hill a light but fast side made and took the chances which came but given more favourable conditions Western Suburbs would have made a better fight of it.

Little excitement prevailed for the spectators at any time because the game result could be indicated very early, and only the able goalkeeping of Western Suburbs denied the Box Hill forwards more goals than the result indicated.

Goal scorers for Box Hill were Mountford, Bagley, Gravell (2), Don Hutchinson (2).

Davis, an outside left for Box Hill, promoted from the junior ranks showed good promise for the future.

Sunshine United Club

Sunshine United are hopeful of another successful season particularly as the Under 15 and Under 17 teams are producing players who will be a credit to the round ball code. An incident occurred at the Under 15 match against Ringwood last Saturday which appealed to the humour of the team managers, B. Doherty and W. Kyle. A youngster approached them for a game stating he had played soccer often. After being signed on he was given a trial and was outstanding in the first half for his anticipation and coolness. He then asked the managers what they thought of liars. When asked why he replied, "I'm one—I've never played soccer before."

The Reserve team is having a run of outs at present but managers Len Mills and Ern Hazelwood are confident that experience will iron out the wrinkles.

The First team are unbeaten as yet but are training for the hard games ahead.

Players and supporters are reminded of the Social in Hampshire House on Wednesday, 19th May, and also the Whist Drive every alternate Friday night in Hampshire House.

Any players wishing to join the Club can do so by contacting Mr. A. D. Fletcher, 17 Couch Street, Sunshine.

Bradford Versus Hakoah J.R.C.

This was an extremely hard game and the first half remained scoreless. In the second half the big men of Bradford dominated the game, also the strange ground did not help Hakoah. Both teams suffered injuries. Bradford scored 4 goals and Hakoah did not score.

It was most disturbing that some Bradford supporters tried to influence the umpire. After all the umpire is in charge of a game and interjections of that kind make a game unpleasant.

Final score—Bradford 4 d. Hakoah nil.

Bradford Seconds 3 goals d. Hakoah Seconds nil, at Princes Park.

Prahran Juniors drew with Hakoah J.R.C. Juniors 2 goals each.

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A BRIEF REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S GAMES

The main game last Saturday, Sunshine versus Prahran played at Olympic Park, ended in another easy win for the Division 1 leaders to the extent of 4 goals to nil. Sunshine is now three clear points ahead of its nearest opponent. Prahran's defeat moved them from second position down to third, whilst Box Hill's easy win against Western Suburbs places them now in second position.

Moreland's win over Park Rangers at Middle Park, caused the Rangers to drop from third position on the ladder to sixth, whilst Moreland bettered itself by one.

A very interesting game was played at Yallourn on Saturday, where the visitors, Brighton, just managed to scrape home by the odd goal. A scrimmage right in front of goal in the closing stages could have ended in a 6-all draw, but the referee's whistle for the finish of the game intervened and ended one of the best games yet witnessed at Yallourn.

Second Division

Bradford showed its superiority in the Second Division by a easy win against Hakoah J.R.C., who was until Saturday running second on Second Division ladder. Hakoah, by their defeat now moves down to fourth position. South Yarra, by their win against Ringwood, now moves up to the second position.

Another very interesting match was at Middle Park, where the home team, South Melbourne United, defeated Coburg by 5 goals to 2. Preston passed the wooden-spoon on to Northcote on Saturday, and in doing so, registered their first win for the season.

Third Division

In the Third Division, Heidelberg's first eleven remains at the top, by another easy win, this time at the expense of Williamstown.

Melbourne University and George Cross are running close to the leaders, being only one point behind, but the leader's good goal average will be hard to catch.

In the Reserve League, Box Hill and South Yarra retained their leading positions, whilst in the Junior Divisions, Preston and Yallourn went ahead of the former leaders, Park Rangers, in the Under 19 Section, whilst the same

happened in the Under 17 Section, South Melbourne and Brighton taking precedence over Preston. In the Under 15 Section, South Melbourne United retained its leading position.



PROSPECTS FOR TODAY

The most interesting First Division matches today should be at Surrey Park where the home team, Box Hill meets Park Rangers, and at Como Park where Prahran meets Brighton. Box Hill's easy win against Western Suburbs last week, makes them favourites for the game, for Rangers, on the previous week only managed to draw against Suburbs.

Brighton had a hard tussle against Yallourn last Saturday and were lucky to win, whilst Prahran, the previous week defeated the country team by four clear goals, so it looks like, after today, Prahran and Box Hill may improve their positions at the expense of Brighton and Park Rangers.

Of the remaining two games, Moreland should win against Western Suburbs, whilst Sunshine United should go further ahead at the expense of Yallourn.

In the Second Division contests, the only game that looks open is South Yarra versus Coburg, at Fawkner Park, although it is anticipated that Yarra will gain the points.



AN S.O.S. FOR REFEREES

An urgent request is made to all those soccer enthusiasts who are now no longer taking an active part in the game on the field, to join the Victorian Soccer Referees Association. This Association meets on the fourth Monday in each month, at 8 p.m., Room 8, Victorian Railways Institute, Flinders Street, Melbourne. All enquiries should be addressed to Mr. H. Armstrong, 27 Farm Street, Newport.



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Most young players, when running with the ball, kick it forward with their toes, which is not the way. It should be done either with the inside or outside of either foot. You should always have your body over the ball, for you have then got perfect control.

An Exercise Tip

Here is a good exercise. Commence with the ball placed inside the right foot, tap it

inside a few inches, then tap it out again with the outside of the same foot, so that the ball is back again at the commencing point, but slightly forward. Now tap it with the inside of the left foot a few inches inside and back again with the outside of the same foot. Do this very slowly at first and gradually increase your pace, but not until you have that control needed.

There is an easy way of remembering the exercise. When you commence say to yourself, inside, outside, inside, outside, that means inside the right foot, outside the right, inside the left, outside the left.

It will not be easy, but it will teach you balance, which is very necessary, and when you can do it well you will also have learned the "dummy" and side-step.



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